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asked me to stay with him. So I went to Padakaliets's house and ran errands for him. In the spring of that year a rat bone lodged in my throat. Alomsale and Padakaliets put their hands in my throat and pulled it out. I stayed a year with Padakaliets and then went back to Rustang.

[Question.] My mother and father lived in Old Karieta during the time I stayed in Dikimpe. [Old Karieta was about forty-five minutes to an hour from Dikimpe.]

My father built four houses: one in Dikimpe, one in Karieta, one in Rustang, and one in Kafukhieni, where our garden was. When we were living in Karieta my father said, "Here we are not happy. Let us go to Kafukhieni to make a house and raise chickens and pigs, plant bananas and tubers, and grow things." [Why not happy?] It was all right in Karieta, only it was far from our garden. We were already tired by the time we got to the garden to begin work. So we went there to live; we made a house and raised many pigs and chickens. We lived there until I married. After that my wife and I returned to the village.

My father raised a male pig there with tusks this big. My father sold it to a man from Kelaini for two Maningmauks [10 rupiahs each] and a pig worth two and a half rupiahs. Father gave me one of these Maningmauks [see preceding day's story]. That was what I used to pay Alomsale when I kalukuk with him. The pig I got from Alomsale I cared for until it was big and then sold it for a Hawestaka [20-rupiah moko]. But to the pig I had to add another pig worth two and a half rupiahs and ten baskets of rice. Padalang bought that pig. When I wanted to sell it, Maleiaka didn't want me to give it to Padalang. He said it was his pig. I was angry and drew my bow to shoot him, saying, "You have said that I copulated with a dog." As I drew my bow, Maleiaka said, "Just take the pig." [Informant laughed heartily at this.] Padalang wanted one more basket of rice, so I went to a man near by who had a daughter. I was collecting a bride-price for her. He gave me a basket of rice. That evening after selling the pig I got out my Kolmale [see preceding day's story] and the Hawestaka, and I beat my two mokos. [He smiled at his youthful pride in these two mokos.]

My grandmother, Fuimau, had been shot by people from Kewsi, and so the Five Villages went to war with Kewsi. A man from Aluikawati killed a man from Kewsi and sold the head to my father. My father paid eighty gongs and mokos for the head. Twenty went to the first killer [*nanna fing*] and twenty to the second. [Here there was a confused war narrative, which is irrelevant.] Then father and the first killer, with the people of Dikimpe and Karieta, went to Lawetika and

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159 man." [This produced guffaws of laughter in the informant and the interpreter. The interpreter said admiringly, "A woman was clever to think of that."]

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I dreamed that the wife of the chief of Atimelang was weeding at Feba. She was pregnant and about to give birth. [Actually the wife of the chief bore a child about one month ago.] I was staying at Atbeimanek. I spoke to her, saying, "You had better come to Atibeimanek to give birth." She said, "No, I can't. I am afraid." I said, "Don't be afraid. Nowadays [since the government had put an end to headhunting] we are no longer afraid." Then she went with me to Atbeimanek. There she said, "Oh, if I give birth here, it will not be good. We had better go to the village." So we did, and she bore a child there. [Stop.]

When I was still small, we built a field house near a spring, where there were many taro plants. Tilapada [an aunt] stayed with us, and day after day many siblings and mothers—many of our family—came to see us. One day Tilapada, my aunt, dug out a rat-run and caught two rats, a male and a female. She called to me, "I have caught rats, so you had better cook something." I said, "You lie. Do not try to deceive me." She said, "I am not lying. If I am, may the spirits of Iafakberka and Afalberka carry me off." [The informant giggled, but the interpreter did not seem amused.] Then Tilapada brought the rats and said we had better call our elders to eat with us. "These are such big rats we two cannot eat them alone." So we called Fanmau and Falepang. We roasted and ate the rats. I and Tilapada got only the heads. The rest we gave our elders. [Stop.]

235 The next day I took my hen and her chicks to the garden with me while I guarded the field. Each day I watched the field, and each day my kinsmen came. Then Alurkaseni and Padamai, two boys who were having their teeth blackened, came one day and stole squash from me. We saw their footsteps and followed them to the house where they were staying. I was carrying a bundle of firewood as I came, and the boys saw me. They said, "Oh, you are carrying a hawk's net perhaps?" They took my wood away and chased me. I ran to Fpadok and told my uncles. They said we would go the next day. So the next day we went to the place where the people were having their teeth blackened. The boys wanted to fight, not to litigate. [Stop.] But we litigated, and they had to pay me and my uncles a pig.